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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Breanna K. Jenkins** (NC60102246).

Clark County

In March 2011 the Examining Board of Psychology released **Albert J. Bernstein** (PY00000556) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Cowlitz County

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Nigel W. Ducharme** (NC60176614) and placed his certification on probation for one year. In 2005 he was convicted of theft, in 2006 he was convicted of shoplifting, and in 2009 he was convicted of three counts of theft and entered into a suspended sentence for driving under the influence. He must comply with terms and conditions set under his certification.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Sara L. Stone** (NC10081946) and placed conditions against her certification.

Jefferson County

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Rebekah M. Folz** (NA60134207).

King County

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Venita R. Chandra** (NC60087644) with unprofessional conduct. In November 2008 she was convicted of driving under the influence, and in 2008 and 2010 she was convicted of assault.

In March 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Roderick S. Hayman** (D160181560) and placed his registration on probation for 18 months. In June 2008 he was convicted of theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In April 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Douglas B. Henderson** (ES60179107) with unprofessional conduct. In 2010 he was charged with two counts of vehicular assault because of an accident. He allegedly declined to respond to inquiries about the accident.

In March 2011 the Secretary of Health entered into an agreed order with dentist **Perry J. Jones** (DE00004506). He entered into a sexual relationship with a patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Janice N. Lorenzana** (NA60111941) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly clocked in and out during the time she was supposed to work but failed to actually work those hours.

In March 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Gary D. Pyfer** (DE00004974) with unprofessional conduct. A patient allegedly requested and paid for his dental records but never received them.

In April 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Mindy Rae Rushing** (CG60110998).

In March 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program released emergency medical technician **George Alex Ure, II** (ES60137116) from terms and conditions set against his certification.

Kitsap County

In April 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Anna C. Campbell** (HC00156050). She is also known as Anna C. Kennedy.

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified and registered nursing assistant **Kasey E. Hardin** (NC60150798, NA60104597) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances from her places of employment.

In March 2011 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant **Jacob George Iuliano** (VB60166517). He was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. He requested a hearing but failed to appear at the pre-hearing conference.

Pierce County

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Luis Ibarra** (RN00144561).

Skagit County

In March 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the license of chemical dependency professional **Tiffany Shireen Barley** (CP60183406) and placed it on probation for three years. In 2010 she entered into an agreed order against her certification to practice as a chemical dependency professional trainee. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Snohomish County

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Linda J. Kasner** (LP00047051) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Kareen C. Haughton** (NA60207836) and placed her registration on probation for one year. In October 2009 she was convicted of theft by shoplifting. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In April 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Sarah M. Young** (C160204374) and placed conditions against her registration. In 2004 she was convicted of harassment, and in 2007 and 2008 she was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Spokane County

In March 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Clint Wayne Mason** (HC60190930) and placed conditions against his license. In 2007 he was convicted of driving under the influence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of **Jennifer K. Preble** (D260139154) for an expanded function dental auxiliary credential and entered into an agreed order against the credential. In 2002 she was convicted of driving under the influence. In 2009 she was also convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants, assault, and resisting arrest. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In March 2011 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Programs charged **Darlene Anne Townsend** (LH00006395, LF00001054) with

unprofessional conduct. The care she provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating patients.

Whatcom County

In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Banty Mondragon** (NC10047987).

Out of State

Idaho: In April 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Rayna Lynne Potter** (NC60202666) and placed her certification on probation until at least January 2012. In January 2011 she entered into a deferred prosecution for theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Illinois: In March 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dentist **Paul S. Pertrungaro** (DE60176631) and placed restrictions against his license. In 2009 he entered into an agreed order against his dental license with the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, and in 1998 the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation placed his dental license on probation. He also failed to disclose these actions on his application. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Oregon: In March 2011 the Medical Commission terminated the modification order against physician **Larry L. Kovachevich** (MD00025067). Dr. Kovachevich's Washington license is subject to the conditions of a 2009 order.

Texas: In March 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Patrick Besant-Matthews** (MD00010150) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to report continuing education hours for his renewal after the commission granted an exception.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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